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JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN NDDB AND STATE CO-OPERATIVE MILK FEDERATIONS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision on the share-holding pattern on joint ventures (JVs) between National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and the State Co-operative Milk Federations;

(b) whether under this JVs schemes the State Federations would be free to market their own produce or even opt out of the JVs proposal;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether milk production has been increasing at the rate of 9 per cent annually and marketing only by 4 per cent; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. A wholly owned company of NDDB through its subsidiary unit has decided to enter into Joint Ventures with State Cooperative Dairy Federations for the purpose of strengthening the marketing of their liquid milk and identified products under the brand name of the respective Federations. These Joint Ventures are purely voluntary in nature. The pattern of share holding between the Mother Dairy Company and the concerned State Dairy Federation will be in the ratio of 51:49.

(d) & (e): The milk production in the country has gone up by about 4% during the 9th Five Year Plan. Due to three consecutive droughts in the country, presently, it has come down to around 2.2%. However, the marketing has increased by 8.5% during 2003-2004 as compared to 2002-03.